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TOP NEWS

Latham Aided Covert Bid To Quash Stadium, Calif. City Says

Latham & Watkins LLP helped orchestrate a campaign to kill a proposed arena for the Los Angeles Clippers, the city of Inglewood said Monday in a bid to subpoena the firm, whose client, the owner of historic concert venue The Forum, is suing the city over an alleged contract breach involving a key piece of land.

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Don't Let FTC Damage Tech Sector, Ex-USPTO Chief Warns

The former director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, who's now a Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP partner, told a room of attorneys Tuesday that the Federal Trade Commission should stay out of patent licensing deals, saying the antitrust agency's involvement damages American leadership in tech innovation.

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Musk Slams 'Sad' Defamation Suit Over 'Pedo Guy' Tweets

Armed with new representation, Tesla Inc. CEO Elon Musk on Tuesday slammed a defamation suit brought by hero spelunker Vernon Unsworth over Musk's "pedo guy" tweets, calling the case "sad" and deeming Unsworth "previously unknown."

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Gilead Built HIV Drug Empire On 'No Generic' Deals, Suit Says

Despite abysmal scientific innovation, Gilead Sciences Inc. constructed an HIV drug empire worth tens of billions of dollars by devising shadowy deals to block the use of lower-cost generics in combo medicines, according to a proposed class action filed Tuesday.

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SF Bans Gov't Use Of Face ID Tech In A 1st For US City

San Francisco became the first major city in the United States to ban government use of facial recognition technology on Tuesday, citing the risk of such technology encroaching on civil liberties.

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Senate Confirms Texas Atty To Eastern District Judgeship

The Senate on Tuesday confirmed Orgain Bell & Tucker LLP partner Michael Truncale to serve as a judge in the Eastern District of Texas.

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LEGAL ETHICS & MALPRACTICE

Knight Law Sanctioned For Coaching Client In Ford Suit

Knight Law Group has been slapped with sanctions after a California magistrate judge said one of its attorneys improperly coached her client during a deposition in a suit over allegedly defective Ford transmission systems.

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Edwards Wildman Didn't Warn About Anti-SLAPP, Jury Told

A British barrister testified before a Los Angeles jury on Tuesday that he regrets connecting a colleague with Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP to represent the colleague in a privacy suit against the Daily Mail tabloid, saying the firm failed to warn them about California's anti-SLAPP law.

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POLICY & REGULATION

Analysis

Sovereignty Ruling Emboldens States To Push Taxing Bounds

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling that California wasn't obliged to answer a suit in Nevada state court could embolden states to push the boundaries of taxing nonresidents with limited contacts while enjoying a “home court” advantage in litigation.

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Calif. Senate OKs Bill To Require Telecoms To Verify Calls

California lawmakers on Monday inched closer to enacting legislation aimed at fighting robocall scams that have plagued consumers, with the state Senate voting to approve a measure that would ramp up enforcement and set a July 2020 deadline for telecom providers to implement caller authentication measures.

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REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT

Cannabis Biz Lands $91M To Fund Sprawling Calif. Campus

Natura Life-Science announced Tuesday that it has closed a $91 million funding round that will be used to build the largest vertically integrated cannabis campus in California.

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PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

CFPB Shirking Small Biz Lending Data Collection, Suit Says

A San Francisco-based community advocacy organization has accused the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau of putting off implementation of a Dodd-Frank Act mandate to collect small business lending data from banks, and is asking a California federal court to force the agency's hand.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Louis Vuitton Wins Bid To End US Fight Over 'Pooey' Parody

Louis Vuitton Malletier SA on Tuesday won a bid to keep its trademark battle against a poop-shaped toy purse called Pooey Puitton solely in France, after a U.S. judge shut down a parallel case filed in California federal court.

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BladeRoom Seeks $24.5M Fees, Costs For Trade Secrets Win

Data center manufacturer BladeRoom asked a California federal judge Monday for $21 million in attorney fees and $3.5 million in costs following a jury verdict that Emerson Electric stole trade secrets and used them to land a $200 million Facebook contract.

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SECURITIES & WHITE COLLAR

$240M Wells Fargo Derivative Suit Deal Gets Judge's 1st OK

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A proposed $240 million settlement that would end derivative litigation over Wells Fargo's fake accounts scandal moved one step closer to the record books on Tuesday as a California federal judge granted preliminary approval to the deal between investors in the bank and its current and former top brass.

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Gemini Rosemont Drops $175M On Silicon Valley Campus

Gemini Rosemont Commercial Real Estate has picked up a technology office campus in Santa Clara, California, for $175 million, according to a Tuesday announcement from the California-based firm.

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GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Software Co. To Pay $22M To Settle FCA Misinformation Case

Cloud and data services company Informatica LLC will pay just under $21.6 million to settle a whistleblower's False Claims Act case alleging it provided misleading information about its commercial sales practices, resulting in the government overpaying for its software products, the U.S. Department of Justice announced.

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BANKRUPTCY

San Francisco Mulling Multibillion-Dollar Bid For PG&E Assets

San Francisco could make a multibillion-dollar offer to buy beleaguered utility Pacific Gas and Electric Co.'s assets and make the city energy independent, according to a report by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Chemical Importer Cleared Of $11M Duty-Dodging Claims

A Los Angeles federal jury has rejected a whistleblower's claims that food additive company UniChem dodged $11 million in duty payments on an imported chemical.

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IMMIGRATION

9th Circ. Urged To Backtrack On 'Remain In Mexico' Policy

The American Civil Liberties Union and other immigrant advocates urged the Ninth Circuit on Monday to reconsider its decision to temporarily revive President Donald Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy so as not to create binding precedent for future decisions in the case.

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NATIVE AMERICAN

Calif. Tribe Says Ex-Employee Won't Win High Court Appeal

The Cedarville Rancheria urged the Ninth Circuit on Monday not to pause its recent ruling that the California tribe can pursue claims of shady dealings by its former administrator in tribal court, saying the ex-official's case doesn't present any issue worth the U.S. Supreme Court's time.

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CAPITAL MARKETS

Pimco Mortgage Trust Delays $1B IPO, Citing Market Woes

Real estate investment trust Pimco Mortgage Income Trust Inc. on Tuesday delayed a $1 billion initial public offering, citing market conditions for IPOs

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Goldman Sachs Group Inc.
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PEOPLE

Littler Snags Ex-Crowell & Moring Employment Pro In SoCal

Littler Mendelson PC has added a new shareholder to the Irvine, California, office of its labor- and employment-focused practice, bringing on a Crowell & Moring LLP alum with a deep background in representing management in a range of workforce-related issues, the firm announced on Tuesday.

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BakerHostetler Adds Winston & Strawn Labor Partner In Calif.

The former co-chair of Winston & Strawn LLP's Los Angeles labor and employment practice has joined BakerHostetler's own L.A. office, where he'll work as a partner defending employers from claims of sexual harassment, discrimination, labor contract violations and more, the firm said Monday.

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Goodwin Hires Calif. Ex-Prosecutor From Baker McKenzie

A former longtime white collar prosecutor in Northern California has moved from Baker McKenzie to Goodwin Procter LLP, where he will represent clients in fintech and white collar matters, the firm announced Monday.

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

Don't Let License Rules Snuff Out Your Fire Expert

Lawsuits involving property damage due to fire often require the retention of an expert to investigate the fire, but testimony can be excluded if the expert lacks the required licenses. Attorneys at Tucker Ellis break down the different licensing requirements for fire scene inspection in all 50 states.

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

Titan Of The Plaintiffs Bar: Robbins Geller's Shawn Williams

“Have you seen 'Hamilton'?” asked Shawn Williams of Robbins Geller. Quoting from one of the hit Broadway show’s most memorable songs, the securities litigation partner explained that it speaks to why he was drawn to the plaintiffs side of the bar.

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Law Has A Bullying Problem, But In BigLaw It's Even Worse

Law firms are rife with bullying and the problem is worse still in BigLaw, according to the results of a massive international survey released Tuesday evening.

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The Legal Jobs Where Sexual Harassment Is Most Common

More than a third of women in the legal profession have experienced sexual harassment, according to the results of a massive global survey released Tuesday that found a clear disparity among the rates of harassment reported at various types of legal employers.

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Firms, Clients Urged To Break New Fee Ground Through Trust

To experiment with and adopt new initiatives such as alternative fee arrangements, in-house legal departments and law firms must form trusting relationships that develop mutual confidence and transparency, a panel of legal professionals said Tuesday.

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GCs See Legal Ops As Avenue To Improve Diversity

In-house departments and law firms haven't yet made enough significant progress on diversity and inclusion in the legal industry, but a fresh set of eyes from legal operations teams might soon make some headway, general counsel said at a conference Tuesday.

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It's Kavanaugh V. Gorsuch In Apple Antitrust Case

President Donald Trump's two U.S. Supreme Court appointees have added to their growing list of disagreements, as Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote the majority opinion backing iPhone owners in their antitrust suit against Apple Inc., which Justice Neil Gorsuch described as "senseless" in a dissent.

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Another Kirkland Vet Elevated To DOJ's Top Ranks

U.S. Attorney General William Barr said Tuesday that he has appointed fellow Kirkland & Ellis LLP veteran Claire Murray to a high-ranking spot at the Department of Justice.

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FTC Staff Warns Lawyers: Don't Lie To Us

Federal Trade Commission staff have issued a stark warning to practitioners, saying attorneys could be barred from appearing before the commission if they intentionally mislead the agency during investigations or in-house proceedings.

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Okla. Bar Says Atty Delivered Feces-Smeared Check

An attorney is facing disciplinary charges in Oklahoma's top court after he allegedly hand-delivered a check smeared with fecal matter to the state's bar association and asked that it be given to a certain lawyer.

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